

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/669,909

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 4/26/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-26 and 28-32.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Amendment filed 4/26/06 has been entered and considered by the Examiner. Currently, claims 1-26 and 28-32 are pending in the instant application.

Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-26 and 28-32 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 1, the reference of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim 1, and specifically comprising the limitation a reflector comprising a homogenous single piece curved body portion including two geometric curves with a planar transition region joining the curves forming a junction point, the junction point preventing light rays from directly striking the transition region, in combination with the remaining features of the claim.

Regarding claims 2-10, claims 2-10 are allowable for the reasons given in claim 1 due to their dependency status from claim 1.

Regarding claim 11, the reference of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim 11, and specifically comprising the limitation a reflector assembly comprising a homogenous single piece body including an inner cavity including a first and second inner surface conformable along a first and second geometric curves, the curves joined by a substantially planar transition region, apertures formed within the transition region between the inner surfaces, wherein a first portion of a coolant contacts an outer surface and a second portion of the coolant is directed by the apertures into the inner cavity, in combination with the remaining features of the claim.

Regarding claims 12-23, claims 12-23 are allowable for the reasons given in claim 11 due to their dependency status from claim 11.

Regarding claim 24, the reference of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim 24, and specifically comprising the limitation of a method to construct a reflector assembly comprising forming an inner cavity of a homogenous reflector body about concentric geometric curves; reducing a reflector body wall thickness in an area local to a light discharge end of the reflector body, joining the geometric curves by a substantially planar transition region, creating a plurality of apertures in the transition region, in combination with the remaining features of the claim.

Regarding claims 25, 26, and 28-32, claims 25, 26, and 28-32 are allowable for the reasons given in claim 24 due to their dependency status from claim 24.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elizabeth A. Rielley whose telephone number is 571-272-2117. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:30 - 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nimeshkumar Patel can be reached on 571-272-2457. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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